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- 1. WE CONTINUE TO GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL CRUG CULTIVATION AND TRAFFICKING AS IT MAY APPLY TO CYPRUS. OUR BELIEF AT THE MOMENT IS THAT CHARGES CONTAINED IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS OF LARGE SCALE POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF CYPRUS NOW UNDER TURKISH CONTROL HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. OUR CHECKS WITH THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, WHICH GOOD SOURCES ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WITH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN CYPRUS REPRESENTATIVES PROVID NO SUBSTANTIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS' CHARGES AGAINST THE TURKISH ADMINISTRATION.
- 2. WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT CYPRUS PORTS MAY BE USED AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS FOR ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY THE PORT OF FAMAGUSTA WHICH IS UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. OUR CAPABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN FAMAGUSTA IS EXTREMELY LIMITED; UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WILL IMPROVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE GOC-CONTROLLED PORTS OF LARNACA AND LIMASSOL PRESENT SOMEWHAT EASIER PROBLEMS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WE HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE GOC AUTHORITIES WHEN THE

NEED ARISES.

3. WE ARE IN CONTACT FROM TIME TO TIME WITH DEA/BEIRUT AND ENJOY GOOD WORKING RELATIONS. CRAWFORD

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